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NEW HAMPSHIRE VETERANS HOME EARNS CERTIFICATION FOR SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF BEHAVIORAL SAFETY TRAINING PROGRAM

***Geri-Care* is a Nationally Recognized Program for Long-Term Care Providers and
Other Senior Living Communities**

TILTON, NH (July 18, 2005)—The New Hampshire Veterans Home (“NHVH”) announced that it has earned certification for completing the *Geri-Care* Behavioral Safety Training Program. Quality Behavioral Solutions (“QBS”) administers the *Geri-Care* program that offers behavioral safety analysis, training and program development to a variety of long-term care providers and senior living communities.

“*Geri-Care* certification is an important accomplishment for the management and staff of the New Hampshire Veterans Home,” said David Lennox, Ph.D., President of Quality Behavioral Solutions. “The New Hampshire Veterans Home recognizes the importance of understanding and responding to behavioral issues related to dementia such as Alzheimer’s disease and other memory impairment disorders.”, Lennox said.

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Jo-Ann Keller, Program Manager of the NHVH Life Enhancement Dementia Unit, explained, “The Geri-Care certification is part of our overall commitment to being at the forefront of the effort to minimize and respond to our residents’ behavioral challenges.”

About the New Hampshire Veterans Home

The New Hampshire Veterans Home (“NHVH”) was initially established in Tilton in 1890 as the Soldier’s Home for Civil War Veterans. Today, the modern facility in its countryside setting is home to men and women who have served their country and fellow New Hampshire citizens. The mission of NHVH is to provide high quality, professional long-term care services to the Granite State’s elderly and disabled veterans. NHVH is the only long-term care facility in the Granite State that is dedicated exclusively to veterans.

As a professional health care provider, NHVH offers a full range of services including residential, medical/dental and nursing care as well as physical/occupational therapy, recreation, and dietetic and social services. Chapel services, exercise groups, arts and crafts, shopping trips, live entertainment and various community outings support residents’ quality of life. NHVH also offers inter-generational programs and animal-assisted recreational therapy.

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Dedicated staff members work in partnership with volunteers from surrounding communities and numerous veteran service organizations to enrich our residents' lives. NHVH recently opened the 100-person Life Enhancement Dementia Unit to serve the long-term care needs of veterans who suffer from Alzheimer's and other related memory impairment disorders. The facility addition will enable NHVH to provide comprehensive long-term care services to a total of 250 Residents.

Additional information is available online at our website www.nh.gov/veterans

About Quality Behavioral Solutions

Quality Behavioral Solutions, based in Holliston Massachusetts, is the nation's leading behavioral consultation firm serving the senior living industry. The company provides behavioral training, consultation and program development services to long-term care settings throughout the United States.

Geri-Care is a competency-based behavioral safety program, designed specifically for geriatrics, which prevents, minimizes, and manages behavioral incidents. The program provides customized services designed to meet the unique needs of individual nursing homes and residences. Additional information is available online at www.qualitybehavioralsolutions.com.

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